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1. INDOCHINA

INFLUENTIAL STUDENT LEADER WHO CLAIMS SPEAK FOR "ALMOST ALL THE LAO PEOPLE" AT NEWS CONFERENCE CALLED FOR NEW US-LAOS RELATIONSHIP, SAID LAOS NEEDS RELATIONS WITH AND AID FROM US (UPI NYDN, CHITRIB), STATED US MUST PAY WAR REPARATIONS, ACCEPT TAKEOVER EMBASSY FACILITIES OR LAOTIAN GOVT WILL BREAK DIP RELATIONS. THREAT IS FIRST PUBLIC MENTION BY STUDENT ACTIVIST OF FULL UNCLASSIFIED

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DIPLOMATIC BREAK (AP, SUN; WP). EMBASSY INFORMED MFA MAY HAVE TO CLOSE DUE LACK ADMIN SUPPORT SINCE 3 KEY FACILITIES STILL OCCUPIED BY POLICE, CIVILIAN DEMONSTRATORS; STUDENT SPOKESMAN SAID FACILITIES WOULD NOT BE RETURNED,

AND RECENT EMBASSY MEETINGS WITH MFA FAILED ELICIT ANSWER TO BASIC QUESTION WHETHER LAOS ATTEMPTING FORCE DEPARTURE US MISSION. EMBASSY OFFICIALS HOPE RETURN TODAY PHOUMI VONGVICHIT FROM PL HQ WILL CLARIFY SITUATION (KAMM, NYT). AT PRESENT 22 US OFFICIALS, 57 PRIVATE CITIZENS LEFT IN LAOS (AP, SUN).

TWO MORE HIGH-RANKING RIGHTIST OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER REPORTEDLY CROSSED INTO THAILAND FOR ASYLUM (AP, SUN; WP). THAI BORDER OFFICIAL SAYS 1 THAI BOATMAN WOUNDED SUNDAY WHEN PL BORDER GUARDS NEAR VIENTIANE FIRED ON BOAT CARRYING GOODS ACROSS MEKONG TO THAILAND (AP, SUN).

REFUGEE FROM CAMBODIA REPORTS KR FORCE SOME CITY PEOPLE HAUL PLOWS IN FIELDS BECAUSE SHORTAGE FARM ANIMALS (WP).

SAIGON RADIO INDICATES REGIME TROUBLED BY "HIDDEN STUBBORN ELEMENTS," REFERRING TO SOLDIERS, POLICE WHO REFUSED SURRENDER SELVES, ARMS. ADDS VILLAGERS SEEK OUT RENAGADES, HAD ENCOURAGED OVER 1000 RECALCITRANT MIL MEN, CIVIL SERVANTS REGISTER WITH GOVT (AP, SUN). NLF PRES NGUYEN HUU THO AT BONN SAYS NEW SAIGON GOVT HAS SECURITY PROBLEMS IN FORM CONTINUING ARMED RESISTANCE BY SOLDIERS DEFEATED REGIME, BUT CLAIMS THEY CANNOT DO VERY MUCH. ALSO SAYS NEW GOVT INTENDS ALLOW PRIVATE NEWSPAPERS BUT CAN'T NOW BECAUSE OF "TECHNICAL QUESTION" (NYT).

SAIGON MIL MANAGEMENT CMTE WARNS POPULATION LOOKOUT FOR FAKE SOLDIERS, REVOLUTIONARY CADRES WHO STEAL MOTORCYCLES, BIKES, TV SETS, OTHER PROPERTY. SAIGON RADIO SAYS 250 RC PRIESTS REPRESENTED AT MID-JUNE MEETING TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RCS, NEW GOVT (WP).

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JAPAN'S AMB TO SVN REPORTED GOVT REOPENED NATL COMMERCIAL CREDIT BANK FOR INTL BUSINESS, EXCHANGING PIASTER AT 755 TO 1 DOL (AP, SUN; WP).

2. CHINA

CHEN SHIH-CHANG, 65-YR-OLD NATLIST CHINESE GENERAL, ONE OF 10 RECENTLY FREED PRISONERS HELD BY PRC SINCE 1949, PERMISSION EMIGRATE TO US AFTER BEING DENIED TAIWAN ENTRY DUE TO REFUSAL SIGN ANTI-COMMUNIST STATEMENT (NYT, WP). TAIPEI SUBURB FACTORY FIRE DESTROYED 2-STORY BUILDING, KILLED 9 SLEEPING WORKERS IN ATTIC 6/30 (UPI, WP).

THAI PM KUKRIT PRAMOJ ARRIVED PEKING 6/30, CONCLUDING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AGREEMENT WITH PRC. CHINESE HOPE OFFSET POSSIBLE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AREA THROUGH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NON-COMMUNIST SE ASIAN NEIGHBORS (ISAACS, SUN; CSM).

TENG HSIAO-PING WARNS SOVIETS MENACING SEA SECURITY "WITH WILD AMBITIONS" EXTENDING "ITS TENTACLES FAR AND WIDE." REMARKS MADE AT BANQUET FOR THAI PM ACCUSED SOVIETS "INSATIABLY" SEEKING NEW SEA MILITARY BASES (WP).

3. JAPAN

YATES (CHITRIB) NOTES SANKEI SHIMBUN REPORTS THAT GEN MACARTHUR DRAFTED KEY PART OF POST-WAR PEACE CONSTITUTION, BASED ON US DOCUMENTS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS LOCATED IN FEDERAL RECORD CENTER. DOCUMENTS INCLUDE NOTE BY USN LT AL HUSSEY THAT PREAMBLE "WRITTEN BY ME, THEN AMENDED BY GEN. MACARTHUR", AND MACARTHUR NOTE TO HUSSEY DIRECTING INCLUSION OF ANTI-WAR CLAUSE. NOTES PUBLICATION PROVIDES NEW AMMUNITION FOR POLITICIANS, INTELLECTUALS CLAMORING FOR "INDEPENDENT" CONSTITUTION. ADDS SOME CRITICS HOPE PUBLICATION OF US DOCUMENTS WILL FORCE GOJ TO RELEASE OCCUPATION ERA DOCUMENTS STILL KEPT SECRET.

LAT'S JAMESON REVIEWS PROBLEMS FACING MOF IN SCURRYING UNCLASSIFIED

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AROUND TO MAKE BUDGETARY ENDS MEET AS LOW-GROWTH, RECESSION REDUCE REVENUES.

NYT SPECIAL (BY OFUSA) INTRODUCES MIYAMA AND HIS NEW HERD, SCHEDULED APPEAR NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL IN NY TONIGHT.

4. KOREA

WP, CHITRIB, NYT, FRONT-PAGE UPI PHOTO OF NKOREAN ATTACK ON MAJOR HENDERSON AT PANMUNJOM MONDAY; PHINQ, GLOBE FRONT-PAGE AP PHOTO.

US ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID HENDERSON KNOCKED DOWN BY TWO NKOREAN REPORTERS WHILE SENIOR OFFICERS TRADED CHARGES IN MAC MEETING (CSM). EYEWITNESSES SAY NKOREAN GUARDS STAMPED HENDERSON AS HE LAY BLEEDING ON GROUND (REUTER, CHITRIB). ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID LATER HENDERSON IN SERIOUS CONDITION WITH FRACTURED LARYNX. SENIOR NK DELEGATE CHARGED US PROVOKED INCIDENT. US CAPTAIN, NKOREAN OFFICER MET ON SPOT TO DISCUSS INCIDENT; EACH SIDE ACCUSED OTHER OF STARTING FIGHT (AP, SUN, GLOBE).

EYEWITNESS SAID MORE THAN 100 US, NK SOLDIERS GATHERED
BUT FIGHT LASTED NO MORE THAN MINUTE (UPI, NYT).

ROK SPOKESMAN SAID POLICE KILLED NK INFILTRATOR WHO
OPENED FIRE WHEN CHALLENGED (WSJ). DEF MIN SPOKESMAN
SAID TWO INFILTRATORS SPOTTED NEAR KWANGJU SATURDAY,
ONE KILLED, ONE ESCAPED. FOUR SK POLICE KILLED, TWO
WOUNDED IN FIRE-FIGHT (UPI, NYT).

5. HK

JAPANESE DOCK STRIKE FORCES SHIP DISCARD CARGO LEMONS;
PEOPLE LIVING NEAR DUMP COLLECTED FRUIT IN GOOD
CONDITION, SOLD TO RESTAURANTS, OTHERS AT HANDSOME
PROFIT (AP, WP).

6. INDONESIA

US AGREES PROVIDE INDONESIA WITH 20 MIL DOL LOAN FOR
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IRRIGATION, LAND RECLAMATION TO BOOST AGRICULTURE
(AP, PHINQ).

7. MALAYSIA

PM RAZAK SAYS PRC PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR MALAYSIAN
COMMUNIST GUERRILLA MOVEMENT CONTRADICTS MAO AND
CHOU ASSURANCES ABOUT NOT MEDDLING IN MALAYSIA'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MADE WHEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR. PEKING REPLY CITES SUPPORT
ONLY IDEOLOGICAL, NOT MATERIAL, THEREFORE NO CONTRADICTION
EXISTS (GREENWAY, WP; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

GLOBE'S NOLAN OPINES MORE ONE STUDIES MAYAGUEZ CASE,
MORE ONE PERSUADED US MIL RESPONSE PART OF EGO-TRIP
PUNITIVE REACTION TO HAVING "LOST FACE" IN VN.
BELIEVES DESTRUCTION SHORE FACILITIES AFTER CREW
RELEASED MEANT AS DIPLOMATIC SIGNAL TO KR OR NK,
BUT NO ONE IN WASHINGTON WILLING ADMIT IT. RECALLS
SEN BROOKE WROTE SECSTATE LETTER MAY 15 WITH 22
DETAILED QUESTIONS, RECEIVED "BUREAUCRATESE" REPLY
FROM DOD OVER MONTH LATER. NOLAN CONCLUDED MAYAGUEZ
INCIDENT WAS "NICE WAY" RESCUE PRESIDENTIAL POPULARITY.

9. SK/PHILS

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (6/25) REVIEWS CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

ON SUPPRESSION HUMAN RIGHTS, SAYS CONCLUDING HEARING AT WHICH HABIB APPEARED FAILED FOCUS ON WHETHER US CONTRIBUTES TO OPPRESSION, BUT INSTEAD EMPHASIZED HABIB'S DEFENSE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SEOUL,

MANILA BEING VITAL US SECURITY INTERESTS DESPITE OPPRESSION. NOTES GOP DOES NOT FACE IMMEDIATE EXTERNAL THREAT. CONCLUDES SECURITY SEEN OUTWEIGHING HUMAN RIGHTS IN ASIA.

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10. THAILAND

NYT'S ANDELMAN IN S THAILAND WRITES OF OPPRESSED MALAY MOSLEM MINORITY THAT STRUGGLES ADAPT TO MODERN WORLD WHILE RETAINING OLD VALUES. NOTES LEADERS BEGINNING REALIZE EDUCATION ONLY WAY CYCLE OF POVERTY, DISCRIMINATION CAN BE BROKEN. SAYS MOSLEMS BELIEVE ONLY TERRORIST OPERATIONS OF SEPARATISTS FORCE BANGKOK TAKE NOTICE MOSLEM PROBLEM, EXPEND FUNDS IN REGION (IN USIA READING FILE).

11. CHINA

GROSE (NYT) SEES CHIANG CHING-KUO MORE MELLOW THAN CHIANG KAI-SHEK; WHILE NOT RENOUNCING MAINLAND CLAIMS, CCK SEEMS MORE CONCERNED WITH IMMEDIATE TAIWAN SITUATION. NOTES "STAGGERING" FOREIGN TRADE INCREASE, HIGHEST LEVEL FOREIGN INVESTMENT OCCURED AFTER UN EXPULSION AND NIXON'S PEKING VISIT. BELIEVES EVEN PROSPECT US CLOSING TAIPEI EMBASSY IN FAVOR OF PEKING "NO LONGER HOLDS QUITE THE DREAD THAT IT USED TO" (IN USIA READING FILE).

ELEGANT (ALT 6/30) STATES PRC SEEKING MOLD ASIAN NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS INTO MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSOCIATION AIMED INITIALLY AT MOSCOW AND HANOI, WITH ALLIANCES AIMED FURTHER AS POLITICO-MILITARY BASIS OF NEW WORLD POWER BLOC WHICH PEKING SEEKS, STARTING WITH ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG SEA'S NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. SEES STARTING WITH ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG SEA'S NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. SEES BASIS OF "SWEEPING CHINESE STRATEGY" BILATERAL AGREEMENTS OPPOSING "ANY NATION SEEKING HEGEMONY." CHINESE USING ANTIHEGEMONY CLAUSES TO CREATE "POSITIVE, ACTIVE DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE."

12. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 6/27) INTERVIEWS AUTHOR, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST CHIE NAKANE, ABOUT RECENT VISIT TO PRC AS PART OF GOJ CULTURAL MISSION. NAKANE SAID JAPANESE, CHINESE

SCIENTISTS "COMMUNICATE INSTANTLY" BUT LITERARY
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COUNTERPARTS HAVE NO COMMON GROUND TO UNDERSTAND EACH
OTHER. SUSPECTED INVARIABLY POLITE CHINESE" MAY BE
TIRED OF WELCOMING NOTHING BUT PRO-CHINA LEFTISTS
FROM JAPAN." FOUND SHARP CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN JAPAN, CHINA, DESPITE SUPERFICIAL SIMILARITIES.
NOTED COUNTERPART CRITICIZED HER WORK "JAPANESE
SOCIETY" FOR LACK OF REFERENCE TO REVOLUTION.

13. KOREA

CSM EDIT (6/27) DECLARES PRES' REFUSAL IN PRESS
CONFERENCE LAST WEEK TO RULE OUT USE OF NUKES IN
EVENT OF RENEWED WAR IN KOREA ADDS TO IMPRESSION
HE IS "TAKE-CHARGE OFFICEHOLDER." WELCOMES "VEILED
WARNING" TO NKOREANS THAT WH IS "ANYTHING BUT WISHY-
WASHY" IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL INTEREST.

OXFORD'S GWYNNE DYER (STAR 6/29) ASSERTS SUDDEN SHOCK
OF KOREAN WAR UPSET WEST'S COZY ASSUMPTIONS THAT US
NUCLEAR BOMBERS ALONE COULD GUARANTEE SECURITY --
LED TO NATO BUILDUP, MATCHED BY WARSAW PACT,
SECURITY PACTS IN ASIA TO "CONTAIN" CHINA, AND
DIRECTLY TO DISASTROUS US STRATEGY IN VN. OBSERVES
WORLD ONLY NOW SHAKING FREE OF KOREAN WAR HERITAGE.
IN LETTER TO WP EDWARD KING (COALITION ON NATL
PRIORITIES AND MILITARY POLICY) TAKES ISSUE WITH RECENT
SCARE-STORIES ABOUT GRAVITY OF SK MILITARY SITUATION.
NOTES DOD STATED OFFICIAL VIEW NK COULD NOT SUSTAIN
COMBAT OPERATIONS WITHOUT SUPPORT OF PRC OR SOVIET,
BOTH OF WHOM SEE AGGRESSION IN KOREA AS CONTRARY TO
OWN INTERESTS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).
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